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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 593
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A RESOLUTION To congratulate Leo McClellan of Dickson upon
being inducted into the Wyoming Athletic Hall of
Fame

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those residents of our state who have been honored for their outstanding accomplishments as members of competitive sports teams; and

WHEREAS, Earlier this year, the members of the 1956 University of Wyoming Cowboys football team were inducted into the Wyoming Athletic Hall of Fame; one member of that elite squad was Leo McClellan, who is now a Dickson businessman; and

WHEREAS, In 1947, Coach Bowden Wyatt, a former University of Tennessee football All-American, decided to focus the University of Wyoming's recruitment program in Tennessee, and his successor at Wyoming, Coach Phil Dickens, also a former U.T. player, continued that effort; and

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WHEREAS, One of the Tennessee recruits was Nashville native Leo McClellan; he was a five foot, nine inch, 167 pound Senior guard on the 1956 Cowboy team on which he was a three year starter; and

WHEREAS, The 1956 team was one of only three Wyoming teams in the modern era to go undefeated, and was the last to do so in the school's history; the 1956 Cowboys won their conference championship, earned national attention and came closer to a top ten ranking than any other team in the school's history; and

WHEREAS, On September 28, 2001 members of the team, seven of whom were from Tennessee, gathered in Laramie, Wyoming to be honored for their accomplishments; Leo McClellan, now 68 years old, made the trip and thoroughly enjoyed the experience; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McClellan said after the ceremony, "Of all the players who have played at Wyoming, I feel very honored to be one of the few that got into the Hall of Fame."; and

WHEREAS, Leo McClellan took a job coaching football at the old Dickson High School on West College Street after graduating from Wyoming and coached the interior line under head coach Milton Self from 1958-60; the salary of \$3,800 per year was not a living wage, and Mr. McClellan went into business selling heavy construction equipment in Dickson; and

WHEREAS, Two years ago, in preparation for the September 4, 1999 season opener between the University of Tennessee and Wyoming, Leo McClellan organized a "Tennessee Connection" reunion for players from the two schools; more than 35 former players and coaches attended; and

WHEREAS, The recognition received by Mr. McClellan and his teammates on the 1956 Wyoming Cowboy football team is much deserved and worthy of the commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to

congratulate Leo McClellan and the members of the undefeated 1956 Wyoming Cowboy football team upon being inducted into the Wyoming Athletic Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we offer our best wishes to Mr. Leo McClellan, his lovely wife Ann, and their sons Richard and Michael in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.